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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, Applicant elects Species B(4)-a-C(1), with traverse. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 8 read on the elected species.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the election requirement. Both 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and M.P.E.P. §806.04(a) provide that a reasonable number of species may be claimed in one application. It is respectfully submitted that the number of species claimed in the present application does not exceed such a reasonable number, particularly in view of the structural similarity of, and the similar field of search Reconsideration and withdrawal of the election required for, the claimed species. requirement, therefore, are requested.

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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If a Petition for Extension is necessary and the petition and the is not enclosed, this will act as a petition to extend the time for response and authorization to charge the necessary fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account 503-121.

Respectfully submitted,

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